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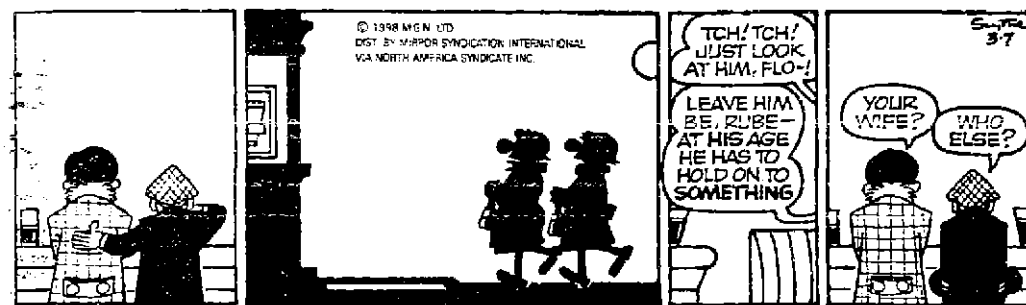
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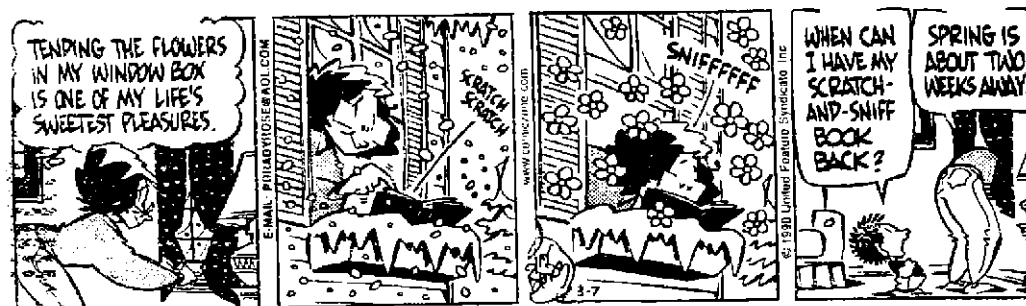
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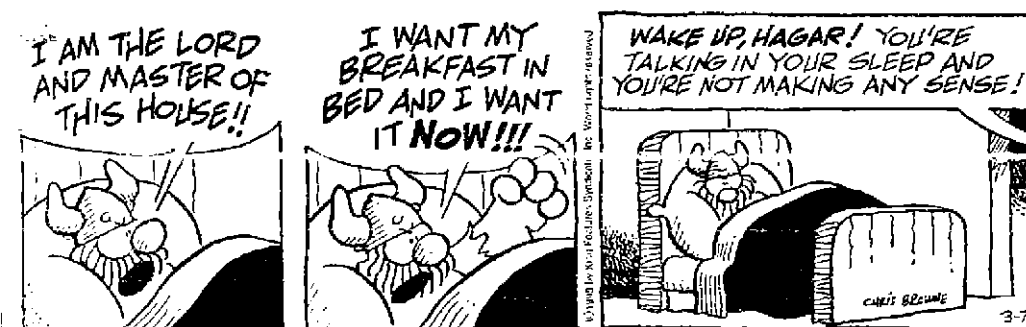
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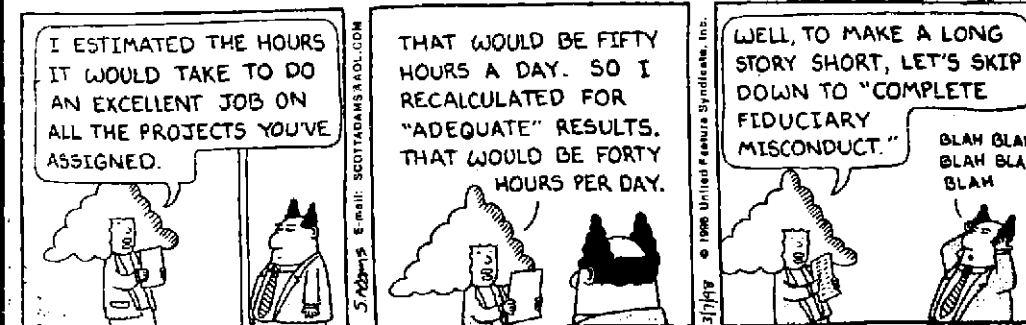
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MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



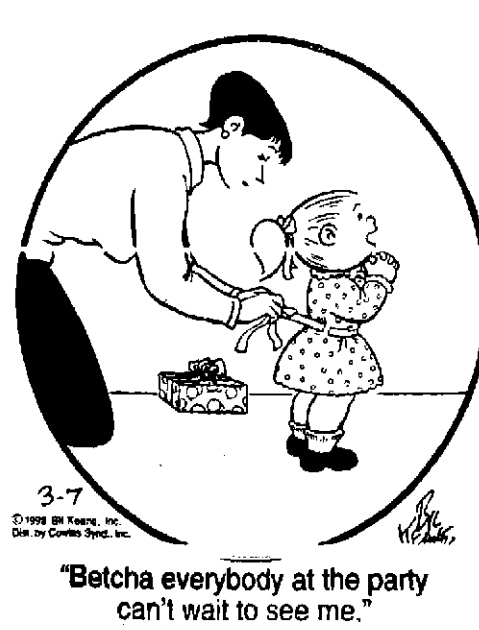
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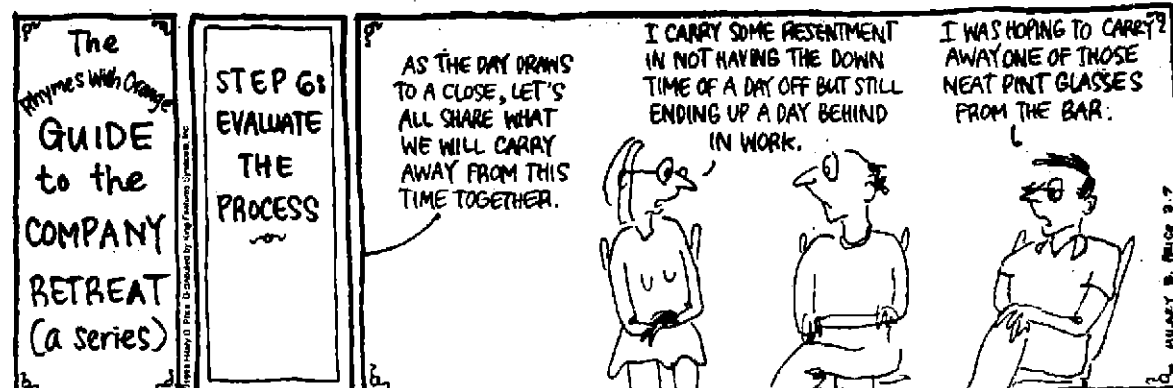
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Photographer Lord Snowden is 68. TV weatherman Willard Scott is 64. Auto racer Janet Guthrie is 60. Actor is 58. Walt Disney Co. Chairman Michael Eisner is 56. Actor John Heard is 52. Rock singer Peter Wolf is 52. Football Hall-of-Famer Franco Harris is 48. Former football player Lynn Swann is 46. Singer-actress Taylor Dayne is 33. Rock musician Randy Guss (Toad the Wet Sprocket) is 31.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 120-130
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and CSW Official Scrabble Words (Chenbers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 9/48 © 1998, United Features Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

A word forward or backward

I W T Q N J G D R D A X U R O
L J G D A X V S E P N K I F C
A X V S Q O L J P S H E C A X
V T R P N L J H A A S D F D B
Y X V T R P P S I N N E D O M
K I G E D B U Z D I S L R S X
W U T R S W Q P O M P I A T N
L D E C A L J I I A O V W I S
G B U R G D E V I L T E E N T
F D T C A Y X E W V S R R K A
T S S R P O N L P K J G A R B

Friday's unlisted clue: STEEL

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Saturday's unlisted clue hint: A PLACE FOR SOCKS

Brag Laminia Reviled Stops
Burg Lived Sinned Stressed
Knits Peels Slipup Warts
Laced Repaid Stab

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ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"We made a profit," gushed a self-satisfied South. "They're cold for a heart game, and my early sacrifice netted us 100 points (150 honors)." "What sacrifice?" contested North. "Although almost a Yarborough, the dummy I gave you had just the right stuff to give us game." South wisely ruffed the second heart with his 10, saving his low trumps for entries to dummy. At trick three he crossed to dummy's trump eight to lead a diamond to his king. The good news was that the king won; the bad news came later. South could no longer avoid losing two clubs and a diamond, which, together with a heart trick already lost, sent the game one down. South did well to manage two entries to dummy, but he didn't put them to best use. After crossing to dummy's trump eight, South should lead a low club to his jack. This loses to West's king, and South ruffs another heart high. He leads a second low trump to dummy's nine and leads dummy's club 10 to neutralize the defense. If East covers, South wins to cash dummy's clubs and discard a diamond. And if East doesn't cover, the lead remains in dummy for South to lead toward his diamond king. When you have little to work with in dummy, you must make the most of what you have.

NORTH 03-07-A
♠ 9 8
♥ 7 4 3
♦ 9 6 4 2
♣ 10 9 8 3

WEST EAST
♠ 5 4 2 ♠ 3
♥ K Q J 8 ♥ A 10 9 6 2
♦ Q J 8 ♦ A 10 5 3
♣ K 5 2 ♣ Q 7 4

SOUTH
♠ A K Q J 10 7 6
♥ 5
♦ K 7
♣ A 7 6

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: North

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 4♠ All pass

Opening lead: Heart king

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

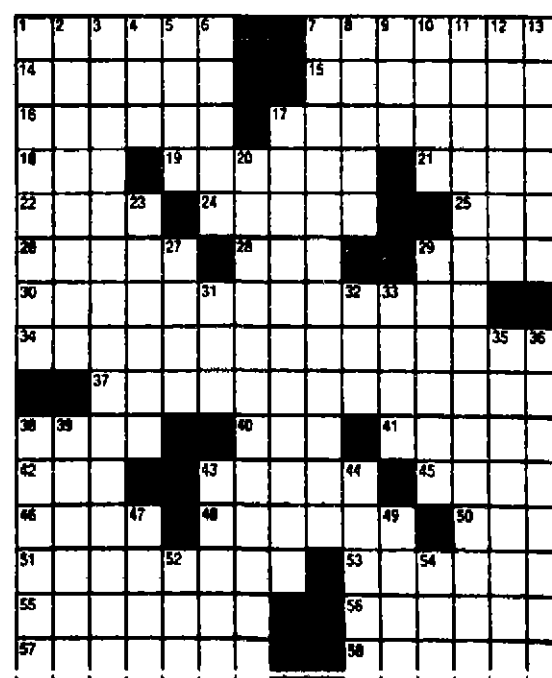
No. 0124

- ACROSS**
- Comedian
 - More than one mouse
 - Madonna's "La Isla"
 - Obsoluscent eatery
 - Surveyor's assistant
 - Sweetie
 - Starting cryptogram guess, maybe
 - Stylish Big Apple restaurant
 - Idaho's Falls
 - Grieved
 - Race horse
 - Pacific
 - End of
 - Cattle genus
 - What Henry VIII wanted
 - Extreme paucity
 - Baby food
 - Spread
 - Start of a Shakespearean title
 - Modern art
 - Sealy rival
 - Diatonic scale member
 - Soul
 - Suit material?
 - University worry
 - Shoving match?
 - Cynics' replies
 - Prince of Broadway
 - Clown fish
 - Carol Burnett character
 - Barbecue accessory
 - Lawn-care products brand
 - Literature
 - Paroxysms
- DOWN**
- bosom (heaven)
 - One of the Zappas
 - University worry
 - Scooge portrayer, 1951
 - Library card catalogue abbr.
 - Incurred
 - Velouté made with chicken stock
 - More a celebrity
 - Senior suffix
 - 100, i.e., wise
 - He set on the Chrysanthemum
 - 62 years
 - Kind of bread
 - Angers

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

NOWAYJOSE EOLAT
AMORTIZED CAUSE
TELEPHONE HESSE
END RAND BESTED
WIDE RELAYS
JOYOUS DONOR
ALARM WOMENSLID
BILK WALES AIRY
SNEAKINGTO OLEAT
HENSE JEANNE
LOOTED GOLD

UNTIL FIVE RIFE
DEICE ECONOMIC
DRESS PENNYANTE



Puzzle by Randolph Rose

- 17 Football defense groups
- 20 Post subject
- 22 Prelims
- 27 Chérie, e.g.
- 29 Closet
- 31 Time abroad
- 32 Computer slangily
- 33 Farm sounds
- 36 Break
- 38 Like a straphanger
- 39 Go at
- 39 Passenger area
- 43 "Fort Apache," the Bronx' actor
- 44 "Give it —!"
- 47 Skip
- 48 Very
- 52 Suffix with Capri
- 54 Part of Scand.

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